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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS ON LEBANESE DEVELOPMENTS

1. LEBANESE DEVELOPMENTS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE HEAVY PLAY IN CAIRO PRESS. MAIN STORY IN ALL ARABIC PAPERS JANUARY 15 WAS SEIZURE OF PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMP BY RIGHTEST FORCES JANUARY 14. FOREIGN RELATIONS/ARAB AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF PEOPLES ASSEMBLY WILL MEET JANUARY 15 TO DISCUSS "DRASTIC SITUATION" IN LEBANON. COMMITTEE REPORT TO PEOPLES ASSEMBLY JANUARY 14 URGES ARAB COUNTRIES TO ACT TO STEM CRISIS. REPORT WILL BE READ TO FULL ASSEMBLY JANUARY 17.

2. ARAB LEAGUE SYS MAHMUD RIAD REPORTEDLY CONTINUED CONTACTS ON THE LEBANESE CRISIS, MEETING AGAIN WITH LEBANESE AMBASSADOR. ARAB LEAGUE SOURCES QUOTED IN AHRAH AS SAYING TWO PROPOSALS CURRENTLY UNDER STUDY IN ARAB LEAGUE CIRCLES: A) THAT SYG VISIT BEIRUT AGAIN IN NEW ATTEMPT TO MEDIATE CRISIS AND B) THAT SYG CALL FOR URGENT ARAB SUMMIT. LEBANESE AMBASSADOR REPOTEDLY COMMENTED, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM PRESS ON LEBANESE ATTITUDE TOWARD SUMMIT, THAT

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"WE AGREE TO ANYTHING DOPTED BY ARAB BROTHERS TO STOP

FIGHTING." PAGE ONE EDITORIAL IN GUMHURIYYA WARNS THAT
ATTACKS ON REFUGEE CAMPS IN LEBANON PORTEND ANOTHER
"BLACK SEPTEMBER" AND CALLS ON "ENTIRE ARAB PEOPLE TO RISE
AS ONE MAN TO HALT THE BLOOD BATH IN LEBANON."

3. ARAB LEAGUE OFFICIAL ADNAN RAOUF (AN IRAQI) TOLD POLCOUNS
JANUARY 14 THAT HE BELIEVED MAHMUD RIAD WAS BEING UNFAIRLY
CRITICIZED FOR INACTION SINCE THERE IS VIRTUALLY NOTHING
ARAB LEAGUE CAN DO IN FACE OF INTRA-ARAB DIFFERENCES ON
LEBANON AND AS LONG AS LEBANON ITSELF DOES NOT WANT A
SUMMIT.
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